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TAGS: RH, CASC

SUBJECT: ARREST IN RHODESIA OF AMERICAN NUN

REF: STATE 211719

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL ON SEPT 3, WE CONTACTED RHODESIAN REP HAWKINS WHO THIS MORNING, SEPT 6, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL REPORT FROM RHODESIAN SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE CLAYPOLE ON THE STATUS OF SISTER JANICE MCLOUGHLIN; "THE THREE MEN WHO WERE CHARGED WITH SISTER MCLOUGHLIN: HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO COURT AND CHARGED IN TERMS OF THE LAW AND ORDER MAINTENANCE ACT AND IN TERMS OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT. THEY ARE REMANDED UNTIL TRIAL AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. BAIL HAS BEEN ALLOWED FOR THE THREE MEN. IN THE CASE OF SISTER MCLOUGHLIN, INVESTIGATIONS ARE INCOMPLETE, BUT THE INTENTION IS TO BRING HER TO COURT SOON ON CHARGES UNDER THE LAW AND ORDER MAINTENANCE ACT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT PROSECUTION WILL GO AHEAD IN HER CASE ALSO. SHE WAS IN RHODESIA FOR A SHORT VISIT AND WAS TO LEAVE ON 31 JUNE BUT WAS HELD BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED COMPLICITY IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS. AT GCGQ BASED IN KENYA. SHE WAS FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINING UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS, INCLUDING TORTURE. THE CASE AGAINST HER IS STRONG. IT IS HAWKINS' PERSONAL OPINION THAT, WHEN THE CASE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, SISTER MCLOUGHLIN WILL BE DEPORTED.

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TO SALISBURY DATELINE STORIES, THE THREE MEN ARE MR. JOHN DEARY, BROTHER JOSEPH FERNAND DU PUIS, AND FATHER DIETER SCHOLZ. CHARGES AGAINST THE GROUP ARE SAID TO ARISE OUT OF A REPORT BY THE CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE THAT THE RHODESIAN ARMY HAD BEEN TORTURING BLACK CIVILAINS. THE PRESS NOTES THAT THE COMMISSION REPORT HAS BEEN GIVEN PROMI-

NENT ATTENTION BY BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND THE BBC. THE PRETORIA
NEWS AFRICA SERVICE IDENTIFIES JOHN DEARY AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMISSION AND STATES THAT SISTER MCLOUGHLIN WENT TO
RHODESIA EARLY THIS YEAR TO HEAD THE COMMISSION'S PUBLICITY
SECTION. A SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION (SAPA) STORY FROM
SALISBURY STATES THAT THE MEN WERE NOT ASKED TO PLEAD, THAT
THEIR BAIL WAS SET AT R1,300 (R1 EQUALS \$1.15), AND THAT
POLICE SEARCHES OF OFFICIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PREMISES OF THE
ACCUSED HAD TURNED UP "DOCUMENTS OF A CLASSIFIED NATURE". THE
SAME SAPA STORY REPORTS THAT SISTER MCLOUGHLIN IS BEING HELD
UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ALLOWING 30 DAYS DETENTION
PRIOR TO INDICTMENT. IT ADDS THAT "SOURCES SAID" HER CASE IS
"MORE COMPLICATED" THAN THAT OF THE MEN.
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